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In re application of

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For: PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR TESTING THE
FUNCTIONALITY OF LOUDSPEAKERS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, are provided herewith.

1. German Patent Application No. 199 01 288 A1

The relevancy of the document is explained below.

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Document 1

Document 1 was cited in a German Office Action in the corresponding German Patent Application as mere technical background. Applicants are not aware of any English language equivalent documents for document 1, other than an English language Abstract which is attached.

The document discloses the monitoring unit in each loudspeaker (9) has a microphone (25) to receive a pair of test tones and compare (27) them with specified levels. The measured result is identified with the loudspeaker address by the coding circuit (28) and returned on the loudspeaker feed cable to the central control unit. The test circuit is started manually or from a time control.

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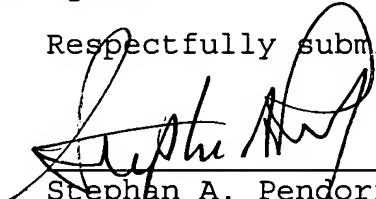
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Respectfully submitted,


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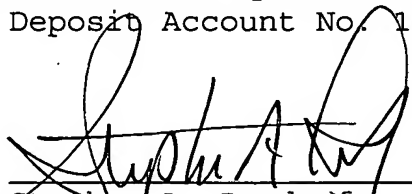
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